



Annette Marie Rich

March 19, 1947 - March 31, 2019

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, Annette Marie Rich, loving mother and cherished friend, passed away at the age of 72.

Annette was born on March 19, 1947, in Easton, Maryland and spent her childhood in Denton, Maryland, where she was surrounded by loving family and friends. She was a proud graduate of the Lockerman High School, Class of 1965 and a member of the Lockerman High School Drill Team. Following graduation, Annette relocated to Westville, New Jersey where she was employed at the Columbia Records Pressing Plant in Pitman, New Jersey. As a clerk there, she grew her record collection and shared her love of music with family and friends. In 1978, Annette returned to Denton and was employed by the Caroline County Department of Social Services. During her tenure there, she served in a variety of roles including a transportation driver, food stamps clerk, fiscal account clerk, and child support specialist (trainee). Regardless of whether she was transporting residents to their medical appointments or supporting her colleagues in the Child Support Unit, Annette was always congenial, personable, dependable, and quite memorable. She celebrated her retirement from state service in March 2013.

Annette gave her heart to the Lord at a young age and was a committed member of Metropolitan-Zion United Methodist Church. She worked for the church in various capacities and was always willing to support her church and church family. She was an active member of the 1965 Lockerman High School Alumni group and looked forward to their annual celebration and

activities. Annette also was active in the Helping Hands Neighborhood Association and the Elite Social Club.

A devoted mother to her three children, Darryl, Shawn, and Mark, Annette supported and loved them unconditionally throughout her life. She was also a proud “Nana” to 10 grandchildren, Courtneigh Andrea Rosemond, Kamerigh A’teem Downes-Rich, Jessica Lau’reen Thomas, Jermaine Lamont Rich-Thomas, Adrianna Michele Ayers (Angel), Stephen Anthony Strong, Sinclair Marie Strong, Jasmine Nicole Rich, Serenity Ty’ae Rich, and Mark Terrill Rich, Jr. She also has one great, grandchild, Ja’Lynne Mariah Kirtley. She enjoyed being a grandmother a great deal and loved to travel and visit with them as well as celebrate their accomplishments and milestones. While Annette had her three biological children, she has a host of “children” whom she loved and treated as her own.

Annette was preceded in death by her mother, Lucille Rebecca Rich; father, Melvin Thomas Coursey; and sisters Jean Cynthia Taylor Mosley and Carley Marie Seth-Thomas. She is also survived by her brother, Oliver Perkins; uncle, Elwood Rich; aunts, Quintella Emory and Reba (Yvonne) Ringgold; as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and long-time friends.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ I am truly sorry about your loss it's hard when we lose a loved one. However, I wanted to let you know that we can be comforted by a future hope. Soon there will be no more pain or sorrow. All the former things have passed away. (Rev 21:3,4)

BP - May 31, 2019 at 09:41 PM

C-

“ Sgt. Rich we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

C-Shift - April 12, 2019 at 05:30 PM

OM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Oryanna, Jason, Kairi, Makini - April 12, 2019 at 02:49 PM

TW

“ Annette was one of the nicest woman I have ever met. I have very fond memories of her. May she rest in peace. Thoughts and prayers to her family at this sad time. Tina Watson

Tina Watson - April 11, 2019 at 02:00 PM

DS

“ An acronym of MOM is: \u201d Mother of Multiples\u201d and you were a mom too more children than just Darryl, Shawn and Mark, you were a mom to all of us that hung out on your front porch on Friday and Saturday nights with music playing. You always treated me like I was your daughter which meant when Shawn ate I ate (even if I didn\u2019t like it), when you told Shawn No I knew that was my answer also and if you yelled at her (which wasn\u2019t often) guess who got yelled at also (Me). Mom Annette you will always be in my heart no matter where I go and what I do, and everything you taught me will never be forgotten. I know you are in heaven eating all the chicken wings your heart desires and you deserve everyone of them. Love, Donnie

Danielle Smith - April 10, 2019 at 05:47 PM

DF

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Darlene & Family - April 10, 2019 at 11:10 AM

CB

“ Ms. Annette (MOM) made a difference in so many lives. I am thankful to have been an added member of her family. With Love

Clint Bordley - April 10, 2019 at 08:17 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - April 08, 2019 at 05:15 PM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.

H. Fields - April 08, 2019 at 02:40 PM

LO

“ To family and friends, I am very sorry to hear of your loss.

Lauren O - April 08, 2019 at 01:46 PM

AK

“ Being a mom and a grandmom, I find myself often saying it takes a village. Growing up in a small town you have a village, whether you want one or not. Miss Annette was apart of my village. I now know a very important part of my village. I often referred to her as "mom". As an adult I find myself looking back on my younger years to make comparisons and to gain knowledge and strength. Miss Annette (mom) is often in my thoughts on those days that I find myself not wanting to get up and go to work. She taught me to soldier on, she taught me how to cover all the bases with style and grace and last but not least she taught me how to be a strong black woman. I'll miss her smile, her sense of humor and her contagious laugh. I know she's still watching over my village and I hope I make her proud. I am forever grateful that I got to call her one of my moms. RIP Miss. Annette (mom) and thank you for everything.

Alfie Kolb - April 07, 2019 at 07:58 PM

AR

“ Dear Family, though your hearts are heavy with pain and sorrow right now, over the loss of your dear loved one, but know that our heavenly Father did not leave you without hope. God did not create mankind to suffer the sting of death. He lovingly provided hope of one day being reunited with our loved ones. Acts 24:15; Revelation 21:4; Hosea 13:14. I sincerely express my deepest sympathy. It

Artina - April 05, 2019 at 02:15 PM

SP

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Ms Annette was a very sweet lady who will truly be missed. Your family will be in our thoughts & prayers. Sorrowfully submitted, Shanta & Mont Phillips

Shanta Phillips - April 04, 2019 at 02:55 PM

GR

“ My wife and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. It's at times like this that all of us need comfort to cope with such a loss. As it has with us, may God's Word, the Bible comfort you as it reveals to us what it says about all those who have died (Hebrews 4:12). Almighty God promises that one day his beloved son, Jesus Christ is going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). We can be confident of this promise from God because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18). May this sure hope comfort and strengthen you both now and in the days ahead (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - April 04, 2019 at 12:10 PM

HS

“ With heartfelt condolences from Shawn's HUD Operations Team. May your mother's memory be a blessing to you and your family.

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - April 04, 2019 at 11:34 AM

JO

“ Dear Family: Please accepted my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your love one. May the wonderful memories of Annette Marie Rich continue to provide a measure of comfort to you until Gods promises are fulfilled at (Matthew 5:5).

JoyceA - April 03, 2019 at 04:19 PM